

Case Management
CM / ECF
 Electronic Case Files

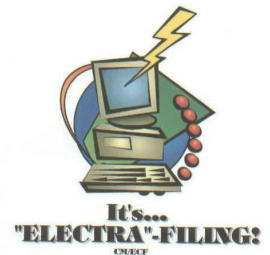
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You may have heard about our Case Management/Electronic Case Filing (CM/ECF) project. For those who have not, “CM” is the Judiciary’s new case management system and will replace BANCAP (our current case management system) and PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records). Of greater importance to you, “ECF” is the Judiciary’s new electronic case filing system that will allow you - once you have been trained and certified - to file bankruptcy-related pleadings directly from your computer.

With CM/ECF, you will be able to file bankruptcy cases, adversary proceedings, pleadings, and other documents “24/7” and receive immediate confirmation that your filing has been received and docketed. Real-time access to our case files will be provided and a variety of reports will be available. Also, parties will be able to receive e-mail notification of filings in cases of interest.

In addition, participating in CM/ECF will save time and lead to a significant reduction in paper, copying, courier, and mailing costs. At this time it is our intent that ECF will be entirely voluntary and we will continue to accept paper filings.

If all goes as planned, we hope to go “live” on CM in June 2004. After allowing ourselves a period of time to become comfortable with the new system, we plan to train parties who would be interested in giving ECF a try.



Public Outreach seminars have been scheduled to discuss the electronic case filing project at various locations throughout the state:

September 9, 2003 Commission Room 99 2 nd St. E Dickinson, ND 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	September 10, 2003 Courtroom #2, William Guy Fed Bldg 220 East Rosser Ave Bismarck, ND 8:00- a.m. - 12:00 noon
September 11, 2003 Suite 220 Jury Assembly Room 655 1 st Ave. N. Fargo, ND 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon	September 23, 2003 Courtroom 2 nd Floor 102 N 4 th St. Grand Forks, ND 8:00 a.m. - 12: noon
September 24, 2003 Courtroom, 2 nd Floor 1 st St & 1 st Ave SW Minot, ND 8:00 a.m - 12:00 noon	

For further information regarding the seminar, call the Bankruptcy Clerk’s Office at 701-297-7100 or register for the seminar via e-mail at RSVP@ndb.uscourts.gov.